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AMBASSADORS STRESSING SEA OUTLET PROBLEM

1. SUMMARY. THE SECOND COORDINATING CONFERENCE OF BOLIVIAN AMBASSADORS IN THE AMERICAS OPENED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LA PAZ ON MAY 3 WITH PRESIDENT BANZER AND FONMIN ADRIAZOLA ADDRESSING THE INAUGURAL SESSION. AS EXPECTED, BOTH OFFICIALS STRESSED BOLIVIA'S QUEST FOR A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AS A CORNERSTONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY AND BANZER EXHORTED THE MEETING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMATION OF THE NEXT STEPS TOWARD ACHIEVING A SEA OUTLET. BOTH INSISTED THAT LATIN AMERICAN HARMONY AND INTEGRATION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL REGIONAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED CONDITION ARE SOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT BANZER TOLD THE ASSEMBLED AMBASSADORS, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND INTELLECTUALS THAT BOLIVIA'S SEARCH FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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SEA OUTLET DEMANDS THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE. HE MAINTAINED THAT REGIONAL UNITY WILL NOT SUCCEED WHILE CONCRETE PROBLEMS ARE INDEFINITELY PERPETUATED BY INTERESTED PARTIES WHO REALLY GAIN NOTHING FROM SUCH A STANCE. BANZER CONCLUDED THAT ONLY AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S LANDLOCKED CONDITION CAN DEMONSTRATE THE LATIN AMERICAN CAPACITY TO LIVE IN HARMONY AND ACHIEVE INTEGRATION. BOLIVIA, HE REASONED, IS INTEGRATIONIST IN

SPIRIT, BUT ITS PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL PLANS
IS LIMITED BY ITS TREMENDOUS INEQUALITY RESULTING FROM ITS
GEOGRAPHICAL HANDICAP.

3. IN HIS STATEMENT, FONMIN ADRIAZOLA, BESIDES STRESSING THE SEA
OUTLET THEME REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING EQUITABLE
PRICES FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTS, PROSCRIPTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND
AN END TO REGIONAL ARMS RACES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIFFICULTIES
ENCOUNTERED IN THE CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS, ADRIAZOLA DESCRIBED THE
BOLIVIAN PEOPLE AS SUFFERING FROM A LOSS OF FAITH IN THE WILL OF
THE AMERICAN NATIONS TO PUT INTO PRACTICE POLICIES WHICH COULD
FORGE SOLIDARITY AMONG THEIR PEOPLES.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS CONCEN-
TRATING ON EVOLVING POLICY FOR INFUSING NEW LIFE INTO THE QUEST
FOR A SEA OUTLET. THE REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE AMBASSADORS TO PERU
AND CHILE WERE MAJOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
CONAMAR ARE ALSO PARTICIPATING. VERY TIGHT SECURITY HAS SURROUNDED
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE MAY 3 AND IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHAT KIND
OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT, IF ANY, WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT THE
MEETING'S CONCLUSION ON MAY 6. END COMMENT.

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